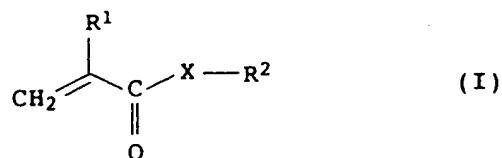


**COPY OF ALL CLAIMS**

1. (amended) A cationic polymer obtained by free-radical copolymerization of

(a) from 50 to 70% by weight of one or more monomers of the formula I

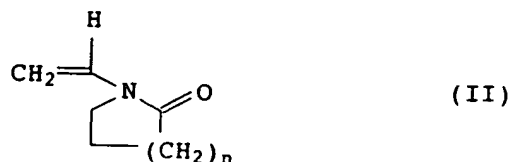


X = O, NR<sup>1</sup>,

R<sup>1</sup> = H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>2</sup> = tert-butyl,

(b) from 5 to 45% by weight of one or more monomers of the formula II



where n = 1 to 3,

(c) from 5 to 40% by weight of a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer having at least one amine-containing group where up to 40% by weight, based on (a), (b), and (c), of the monomer (a) can be replaced by a monomer of the formula I where R<sup>2</sup> = C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>-alkyl.

2. (amended) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, obtained by free-radical copolymerization of

(a) from 51 to 65% by weight of the monomer of the formula I,

- (b) from 7 to 39% by weight of the monomer of the formula II,
  - (c) from 10 to 30% by weight of the amine-containing monomer.
3. (amended) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomer (a) is tert-butyl acrylate, N-tert-butylacrylamide or tert-butyl methacrylate.
  4. (amended) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomer (b) is vinylpyrrolidone or vinylcaprolactam.
  5. (amended) A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomer (c) is dimethylaminoalkyl (meth)acrylate or dimethylaminoalkyl (meth)acrylamide.
  6. A polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the monomers of the formula I where  $R^2 = C_2-C_{22}$ -alkyl are N-butylacrylamide, N-octylacrylamide, lauryl (meth)acrylate or stearyl (meth)acrylate.
  7. (amended) A method of using the polymers as claimed in claim 1 comprising the step of incorporating into cosmetic preparations the polymers as claimed in claim 1.
  8. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the incorporation is made into a hair spray, foam setting compositions, hair mousse, hair gel or shampoos.
  9. A cosmetic preparation comprising a polymer as claimed in claim 1 in an amount of from 0.1 to 30% by weight, based on the preparation.
  10. (amended) A process for preparing the cosmetic preparation as claimed in claim 9, said process comprising partially or completely neutralizing said polymer with a monohydric acid.

11. (amended) The process as claimed in claim 10 wherein the polymer is partially or completely neutralized with a phosphoric acid or an acid mixture containing phosphoric acid.
12. (amended) A method of using polymers as claimed in claim 16 comprising the step of incorporating said polymers into hair cosmetics.
13. (amended) A hair cosmetic preparation comprising
  - (a) from 0.2 to 20% by weight of a polymer as claimed in claim 1,
  - (b) from 0 to 10% by weight of a conventional hair-setting polymer,
  - (c) from 0 to 1% by weight of a water-dispersible siloxane-containing compound,
  - (d) from 30 to 99.5% by weight of a solvent or solvent mixture of alcohol and water,
  - (e) from 0 to 60% by weight of a propellant comprising dimethyl ether or propane or butane, and
  - (f) from 0 to 0.3% by weight of a cosmetically suitable additive.
14. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the cosmetic preparations are cosmetic skin preparations.
15. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein a fatty acid amide is additionally incorporated.
16. (new) The polymer as claimed in claim 1 which has a glass transition temperature of  $> 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and a K value of from 25 to 70.

17. (new) The polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein the K value is from 35 to 50.
18. (new) The process as claimed in claim 9, wherein said polymer is neutralized with a polyhydric or a polycarboxylic acid.
19. (new) The process as claimed in claim 9, wherein said polymer is quarternized with a quarternizing agent.